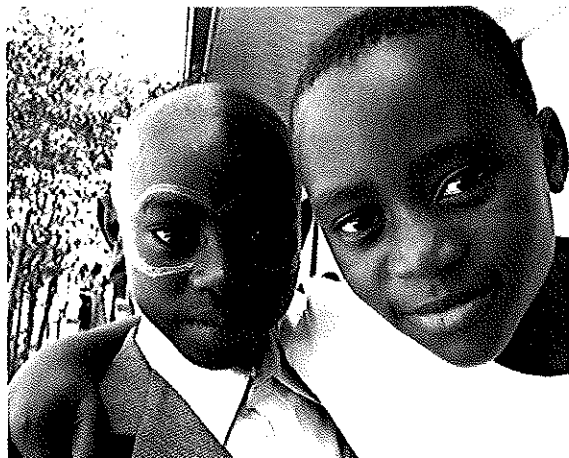


# HELP US to HELP YOU



To continue its important work, the Institute relies on community support from individuals like you. Monetary gifts of any size from individuals and businesses are always welcome and directly contribute to the purpose of the agency.

In-kind support, in the form of donated services or goods, is also welcome and directly aids those in most need. Volunteers and interns are an invaluable element of the Institute.

There are many ways you or your group can help support us by giving your time and talents. For more information, please visit our website at [www.iiconn.org](http://www.iiconn.org).

If you are interested in making a financial gift to the Institute, please contact Angela Rossi Zurowski, Executive Director, at 203-336-0141 x 39

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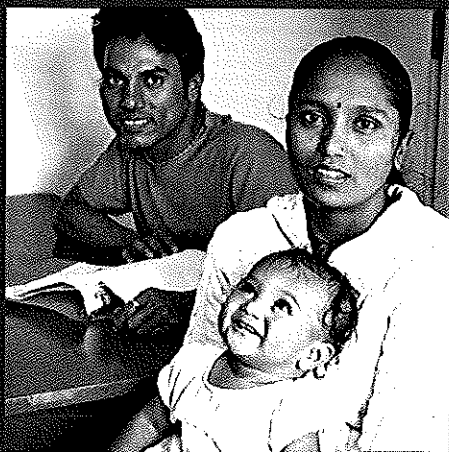
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Previously a chapter of the YWCA, the International Institute of Connecticut, Inc., was founded in 1918 when the YWCA recognized the need to create separate, autonomous agencies exclusively dedicated to help the growing needs of immigrant families. Following the Vietnam War, the IICConn worked with various US federal agencies to resettle hundreds of refugee families from Southeast Asia, the majority of which are now working and productive US citizens. Now with four offices throughout the state (Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford, and Derby), the IICConn works to ensure that Connecticut's growing foreign born population has access to social and legal services that foster self sufficiency, strengthened families and community integration.

In practice for more than 90 years, the IICConn is currently Connecticut's only statewide non-profit agency providing professional immigration and

naturalization counseling. While a number of immigration attorneys are available to assist foreign born families with their immigration needs, IICConn is the only non-sectarian agency that is recognized before the immigration court to provide low-cost services to indigent families.

IICConn is recognized by the US Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA or Board), which is the highest administrative body for interpreting and applying immigration laws. BIA accredited representatives can provide professional immigration counseling services, complete applications on behalf of clients and practice before the Department of Homeland Security, the Immigration Courts and the Board.

IICConn is also affiliated with the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, a national NGO, which collaborates with the US Department of State to admit refugees into our communities.

## Our Program

### Immigration and Naturalization Services

Collectively, the array of IICConn's immigration and citizenship services emphasizes the benefits of family reunification, obtaining US citizenship and community integration. Our work ensures that immigrants are provided with sound, professional legal advice framed by current US immigration law. Services include family petitions and naturalization assistance, fiancé visas and adjustment packages, temporary protective status (TPS), pro-bono court representation, and letters of invitation for visiting family and friends. In addition, staff may assist with green card renewal or replacement, refugee and asylum issues, and legal assistance for victims of crime, human trafficking and domestic violence.

### Refugee Resettlement and Employment Services

Since 1918, the IICConn has worked to create a welcoming home for refugees, asylees, and other vulnerable individuals who have been forced to leave their homes and begin anew. We provide a holistic array of services to help each refugee achieve self-sufficiency including refugee resettlement, case management and referrals, ESL, employment and training, community orientation, and acculturation services.

### Project Rescue: Anti-Human Trafficking Project

Project Rescue is a program designed to assist victims of human trafficking identified in the State of Connecticut. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery, involving victims who are forced, defrauded or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation. In cooperation with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut and federal and local law enforcement, Project Rescue was established to provide help to these victims. The aims of this program are to provide comprehensive services to trafficking victims, to build effective community service networks, to respond to victims' needs, and to provide training to service providers and the public.

### Interpreter/Translator Services

IICConn provides expert translation services of letters, deeds, contracts of other documents for individuals, agencies or corporate clients. Languages include Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian, Haitian Creole, and many other languages. These interpreters can work from one of our offices or on-site at the office of our client.

### ESL, Civics, and Community Education Classes

Through a partnership with Bridgeport Adult Education, the IICConn provides free on-site ESL at its central office in Bridgeport. The IICConn also provides a wide array of citizenship education and training opportunities for immigrants, partner services providers, and the community at large. Services offered under this program include civics education classes to prepare naturalization applicants for the USCIS administered test and interview as well as community workshops to educate service providers and immigrant communities on eligibility and application process for apply to become a US citizen.